

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 20 to 31, 33, 35 and 36, all other claims having been cancelled.

With respect to the Examiner's allegation that the fact that all the ranges are in percent by weight is unsupported by the original specification is not deemed to be correct since in the last four lines of page 4 of the application, it talks about percentages in weight. Moreover, both examples indicate the various ingredients by the weight and therefore, it is deemed obvious that the percentages are by weight where recited in the application. Therefore, withdrawal of this objection to the specification is requested.

With respect to the rejection of all the claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, it is believed that the present claims are now definite. Claim 20 has been amended to correct the spelling of Alchemilla and Salvia and there is now proper antecedent basis for the ingredients in claims 20 and 22. It is believed that the incorrect spelling in claim 20 obviates the Examiner's objection thereto. It is also believed that claim 20 is now clear that the composition is applied to an adhesive porous

dressing placed on a picce of ladies' clothing. The improper Markush terminology in claim 22 has been deleted. With respect to a "stocking stitch", this is an art recognized term as can be seen from the page 794 of the English French Dictionary which defines the term "stocking stitch". Therefore, it is an art recognized term. Claims 28 and 35 are now dependent upon claim 20. With respect to claim 23, this further limits claim 20 since it specifics specifically that red clover is the plant extract used therein. It further limits claim 20 in that it is explicit to the fact that the plant extract is from red clover which is only one of several possibilities in claim 20. Therefore, the amended claims are believed to comply with 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

Since the above amendment is believed to remove all of the objections noted by the Examiner and since there is no pertinent prior art, Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the application.

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